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For: LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT

COMPONENTS OF CARTILAGE, COMPLEXES OF METALS WITH AMINO ACIDS, DI-PEPTIDES AND ANALOGS THEREOF; PROCESSES

FOR PREPARATION AND

THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

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Group Art Unit: N/A

Examiner: N/A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the references set forth in the attached modified form PTO-1449. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

Copies of the cited references are attached.



An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully sybmitted,

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